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## INTRODUCTION.

REFERENCE to "*One Line of the Hopkins Family*," published by the writer of this, in 1881, shows that the genealogical record therein, is confined to the descendants of William Hopkins<sup>2</sup>, son of the first Thomas, while his brother Thomas's name appears on page 10, noted as having died April 21, 1718, and thenceforward dropped from consideration.

It is proposed in this publication to take up the unconsidered descendants of the second Thomas, so far as particulars relative to them of a genealogical character have been obtained, not assuming that it approaches to a full record of such descendants which is left for others better circumstanced for the work to develop.

In connection with this arrangement, the families appearing in the earlier work will be simply tabulated, to show their relation to those appearing as descendants of the brother to whom this later work is more particularly devoted.





It may be well to observe here, that after the first publication referred to was issued, important information was obtained from investigation of records at Oyster Bay, Long Island, which showed that Thomas Hopkins, the first, of Rhode Island, died there in the summer or early fall of 1684, while residing with a daughter Elizabeth, who was then the wife of Richard Kirby, by whom she had children probably as follows viz. William, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Mary, as would appear by Richard Kirby's will, made October 27, 1688, and probated January 10, 1688-9. She also had children, probably by a former husband, named Ichabod and Anne Hopkins. These facts were entirely new and unanticipated by the writer of this, and believed to be so by all in any way connected to the Hopkins family in Rhode Island. But they effectively clear up a doubt regarding the time that Thomas died, and establishes the fact that he had, at least, a third child, of which no record existed in Rhode Island. This Elizabeth, it is supposed, was a daughter-in-law of Thomas and former wife of a son of his who had deceased before this settlement of a part of the family on Long Island, or soon after that event, which probably occurred about the time of the breaking out of King Philip's Indian war in 1675, and was prompted by a desire to escape the perils incident to that struggle.

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THOMAS HOPKINS<sup>1</sup>, was the son of William and Joanna ( Arnold ) Hopkins, born in England April 7, 1616, emigrated to America and settled in Providence, R. I., about the year 1640. He at first was assigned a home share of land situated near the south end of the town, it being the fourth lot south of what is now known as Power street, running east from the town street. Six other shares of land were successively assigned to him, as shown by "*The Home Lots of the Early Settlers*," published by Charles W. Hopkins, in June 1886. These were all located in the near vicinity of the town proper, none probably being outside of a radius of five miles from its centre. In addition to these, as the growth of population required outlying regions to be utilized, other divisions of territory were made and assigned to the original proprietors in shares of larger dimensions. On one of these last named, Thomas made a permanent settlement. Its location was a little west of the Pawtucket or Blackstone river, about ten miles north of his first assigned home lot.

These outlying settlements were more exposed to the incursions of the red men in their warfare against the settlers at the time of King Philip's war, and their homes were mostly abandoned, some seeking refuge in the garrison houses prepared for that purpose, some on the island of Rhode Island



and others to more remote regions where greater protection seemed probable.

The island of Long Island proved an asylum for many and became a permanent home for some who preferred to remain as residents there rather than return to their early settlement. Among those that thus decided was Thomas Hopkins, then about sixty years old, with a part of his family. His two sons, William and Thomas, "staid and went not away," as the quaint expression of the times terms it, and took their chances as to the result of the conflict.

The son, Major William<sup>2</sup>, retained a residence upon or near the early settlement, while his brother Thomas<sup>2</sup>, home is known to have been at the place noted as the outlying settlement referred to. There has been much speculation relative as to what was the name of Thomas's wife. As nothing conclusive has been advanced since the publication of the earlier book on this line, nothing new can be presented in regard to it.

#### Children.

2. I. WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, b. about 1647; d. July 8, 1723.
3. II. THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, b. about 1650, d. April 21, 1718.

(2) WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, married — 1682, Abigail, widow of Stephen Dexter, and daughter of John and Sarah Whipple.  
Child.

4. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, b. ————— d. ——— 1738.



( 3 ) THOMAS<sup>2</sup>, married 1678, Mary Smith, daughter of John and Elizabeth Smith. The date of the event is not otherwise given than as shown by record of their intention of marriage in Providence Book of Miscellaneous Records, page 450, as follows:

“ Thomas Hopkins and Mary Smith, both of Providence, were published in a way of marriage, by a writing fixed upon a public place in the said town bearing date April 1st., 1678, under the hand of Thomas Olney, Assistant.”

The father of Mary was called John Smith, mason, as was also his father, to distinguish them from other John Smiths, of which name there were several then resident of Providence, hence the necessity of the affix.

Thomas<sup>2</sup>, and Mary, settled upon the homestead belonging to his father, before alluded to, in the northerly part of the township of Providence, in that part which was in 1731 set off to make the town of Smithfield, and more recently, again set off to make the town of Lincoln.

On the death of Thomas, senior, at Oyster Bay in 1684, the title to this estate, by the laws of primogeniture was vested in the elder brother, William, ( 2 ) who on December 27, 1692, “ in consideration of the mutual love and affection between him and his brother, and for other good causes,” made a gift deed to Thomas of the estate, representing it as “ being the place where Thomas now dwelleth, and formerly





belonging to my honored father, Thomas Hopkins, deceased."

On this homestead estate, Thomas and his wife reared their large family of eight sons and four daughters, and Thomas died there as before noted, April 21, 1718. All of his sons, except one, lived to become heads of families, and from them have sprung a large proportion of those bearing the name of HOPKINS, now of Rhode Island, besides many others scattered broadcast throughout the country, and many of other surnames changed through marriage of the females into other families.

He made his will, April 26, 1711, distributing in an equitable manner his possessions among his children and providing for the support of his widow. Much of his landed estate was situated in the western part of the town that was afterwards set apart to make the towns of Scituate and Glocester, and to this section every member of his family subsequently made a settlement and were prominent among its leading inhabitants.

In the State Census of 1774, which was arranged to give the names only of heads of families, and the number contained in each family, classified as to age and sex, the returns from Scituate showed twenty-seven families under the name of Hopkins, which was more than double the number of any other name on the list which showed a gross population of 3601. All of these were evidently emigrants from the old



home of Thomas, or descendants from them. As no Hopkins name occurs in the return from Smithfield where that home was located it shows that the exodus was complete.

Children of Thomas<sup>2</sup>, and Mary ( Smith ) Hopkins.

5. I. THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. after 1746.  
married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Feb. 1, 1751.
6. II. WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
married Deborah Allen, daughter of Isaac, of  
Attleborough.
7. III. JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. July 19, 1740.  
married 1st. Bethia Allen, daughter of Isaac,  
of Attleborough.  
married 2nd. Martha \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_
8. IV. EZEKIEL<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1762.  
married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ b. \_\_\_\_\_  
d. \_\_\_\_\_
9. V. ELIZABETH<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. unmarried  
Feb. 26, 1731.
10. VI. MARY<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
married Robert Davis, March 8, 1716.
11. VII. RACHEL<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
12. VIII. ZEBEDEE<sup>3</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1697, d. March 4, 1789,



married Susanna Jenckes, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Jenckes, b. May 24, 1700, d. March 18, 1755.

13. IX. ELISHA<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 married Mercy Waide January 13, 1722.  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
14. X. AMOS<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1769.  
 married Sarah Smith, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth ( Hawkins ) Smith, Oct. 29, 1727.
15. XI. JEREMIAH<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. unmarried  
 April 26, 1733.
16. XII. ANNE<sup>3</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

( 4 ) WILLIAM<sup>3</sup>, the only child of Major William and Abigail ( Whipple ) ( Dexter ) Hopkins, married Ruth, daughter of Samuel and Plaine ( Wickenden ) Wilkinson, b. January 31, 1686, d. before 1738.

#### Children.

17. I. WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, b. about 1705, d. Feb. 17, 1755.
18. II. STEPHEN<sup>4</sup>, b. March 7, 1707, d. July 13, 1785.
19. III. RUFUS<sup>4</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 unmarried.
20. IV. JOHN<sup>4</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. Feb. 1, 1745.
21. V. HOPE<sup>4</sup>, b. March 3, 1717, d. July 20, 1803.
22. VI. ESEK<sup>4</sup>, b. April 26, 1718, d. Feb. 26, 1802.



23. VII. SAMUEL<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. unmarried Sept.  
— 1744.
24. VIII. ABIGAIL<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. Jan. 30, 1772
25. IX. SUSANNA<sup>1</sup>, b. ——— 1728, d. unmarried Nov.  
8, 1745.

( 5 ) THOMAS<sup>3</sup>, the first child of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Mary, was married and well settled on his father's farm at the date of the latter's will, ( April 26, 1711 ). By the terms of that will the parent gave to the son as follows:

“ To my eldest son, Thomas Hopkins, the one third part of my land, that adjoining to my house, and it is that part that my said son, his house standeth on, he leaving on the north end and on the south end, each one third part of the aforesaid land,” followed by other bequests.

June 9, 1718, he sold to John Cowen, ten acres of land “ on the south side of my land where I now dwell.”

April 27, 1720, sold to Richard Sayles, “ in consideration of £250, sixty-nine acres of land, by estimation, in the northly part of Providence, at a place called Locnquissett, with dwelling house, farm buildings, orchards, &c.”

These sales with others following, of lands in the vicinity, covered Thomas's interest in the old homestead and indicate the approximate time when he made the change of residence before alluded to.





## Children.

26. I. SUSANNA<sup>1</sup>, b. Oct. 8, 1708, d. —————  
 married Judah Brown, Jr., Oct. 31, 1731.  
 Issue:  
 i. *Susanna*, b. August 29, 1731.  
 ii. *Stephen*, b. Dec. 1, 1736.  
 iii. *Phoebe*, b. Oct. 16, 1738.  
 iv. *Eliza*, b. Oct. 18, 1740.  
 v. *Hannah*, b. Sept. 16, 1742.  
 vi. *Philip*, b. Aug. 22, 1745.  
 vii. *Dorcas*, b. Aug. 18, 1747.  
 viii. *Judah*, b. July 3, 1751.  
 ix. *Bethiah*, b. Jan. 11, 1754.
27. II. SARAH<sup>1</sup>, b. May 27, 1710, d. ——— —  
 married ——— Smith.
28. III. BETHIAH<sup>1</sup>, b. Feb. 24, 1713, d. — — —
29. IV. THOMAS<sup>1</sup>, b. Sept. 9, 1715, d. ——— —
30. V. REUBEN<sup>1</sup>, b. July 1, 1717, d. ——— —
31. VI. HANAN<sup>1</sup>, b. July 17, 1719, d. unm. — —  
 1743.
32. VII. MERCY<sup>1</sup>, b. Feb. 5, 1721, d. —————  
 married ————— Nehemiah Angell  
 Issue:  
 i. *Pardon*, b. ——— 1749, d.  
 June 3, 1838.



ii. *Nehemiah*, b. Sept. 2, 1752. d.  
August 3, 1828.

iii. *Abraham*, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d.  
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iv. *Zilpha*, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. unm.  
July 12, 1839.

v. *Martha*, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
married \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas Knight.

vi. *Mercy*, died young.

vii. *Mercy*, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ Potter.

33. VIII. JONATHAN<sup>1</sup>, b. Sept. 25, 1722 d. unmarried  
1746?

34. IX. MARY<sup>1</sup>, b. Feb. 17, 1724, d. \_\_\_\_\_  
married ( probably ) Charles Harris, March  
19, 1748.

35. X. TIMOTHY<sup>1</sup>, b. July 25, 1725, d. \_\_\_\_\_  
married Penelope \_\_\_\_\_

36. XI. ELIZABETH<sup>1</sup>, b. August 9, 1726, d. \_\_\_\_\_

37. XII. ANNE<sup>1</sup>, b. Jan. 24, 1729, d. unmarried Nov.  
13, 1759.

( 6 ) WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, second son of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Mary,  
received by his father's will as follows:



"I give to my son William Hopkins, one third part of all my land where I now dwell, after the decease of my loving wife, Mary Hopkins, it being the south part of the land where I now dwell, and is bounded on the north with land I gave to my son Thomas Hopkins."

On this portion of the farm stood, evidently, the house that constituted the paternal residence, in which, probably, William dwelt with his parents, or perhaps as a house-keeper, as there is evidence showing that he was married previous to the date of the will.

August 22, 1724, he sold to Col. Joseph Whipple, for £178, 10s., a lot of land estimated to contain 80 acres, his mother Mary and wife Deborah uniting with him in the transfer. This land was a part of the homestead estate but situated on the westerly side of the highway, while the home residence was on the easterly side. [ See Prov. Land Record, Volume VI. page 123. ]

October 19, 1728, he mortgaged to Col. Joseph Whipple, the part of his farm "at Loquissett, on the east side of the highway, and on which stands my dwelling house."

This deed is not signed by his mother Mary, which tends to show that she had deceased since the sale of August 22, 1724, and previous to this second sale. This mortgage rested upon the estate until May 23, 1732, when it was cancel-



led. [ Prov. Records. ] At same date, the property was sold by Hopkins to Capt. Joseph Brown, of Smithfield.

[ See Smithfield Records, Book I. page 71. ] In these deeds he was called William Hopkins, carpenter.

His removal to Scituate soon followed these transactions, as he was resident there April 10, 1733, at which date, according to Providence Records, Vol. A 10, page 79, he sold to John Hoyle, physician, of Providence, for five pounds ten shillings, " one *Pue* on the south side of the church, the next *Pue* to Mr. Robert Carrie's *Pue*, on the left hand, in the said Church of England."

He married before Feb. 2, 1711, Deborah, daughter of Isaac Allen, of Attleborough. She was born according to her family record, May 7, 1691, and died April 11, 1781. According to town records now of Rehoboth, her birth date is entered as Feb. 25, 1690.

The Allen's although of Attleborough, Mass., were near neighbors to the Hopkins family. Their different neighborhoods being only separated by the Pawtucket or Blackstone river, the Attleborough side, called Attleborough Gore, until it was annexed to Rhode Island in 1747 and given the name of Cumberland. The only issue of this Hopkins-Allen marriage that has come to the writers knowledge was a son.

Child.





38. I. JABISH<sup>1</sup>, b. July 15, 1713; d. July 1, 1790. married Bethiah, ————— b. Mar. 6, 1715; d. Mar. 15, 1781.

( 7 ) JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, son of Thomas and Mary, received by his father's will as follows:

“ I give to my son Joseph Hopkins, all my upland lying at Shenegachocconett, and my part of meadow in the Slang at Shenegachocconett, the said Land and Meadow I give to my son Joseph Hopkins, his heirs or assigns forever, in Fee Simple.”

The Indian name of Shenegachocconett, it is said was applied to a territory in Attleborough [ now Cumberland ], on the east side of the Blackstone river and presumably, not remote from the Hopkins homestead, on the opposite side of the river.

He married, first, Bethiah, daughter of Isaac Allen, who was a sister of Deborah, that afterwards became the wife of his brother William. She was born July 3, 1685, and died, probably, before Feb. 9, 1708; certainly before Feb. 2, 1711. At the latter date Joseph united with heirs of the Allen estate in the sale of certain lands in Attleborough, and signs the deed in his own name, and in behalf of his wife, deceased, as it is expressed. At the earlier date, he executed a deed for the sale of land in Attleborough, to Benjamin Allen of Reho-



both, in connection with Deborah Allen, then unmarried, which is signed by himself and Deborah, without the signature of his wife Bethiah, or anything to identify her interest in it. His early married life was probably spent on the Attleborough side of the river, in the neighborhood of his wife Bethiah's family. Bristol County Mass., records Vol. XI, page 400, shows a sale by him, Nov. 28, 1713, to Andrew Hartley, of Attleborough, of "50 acres of land in the North Purchase, lying by the new road that goeth to wading river, being 92 poles in length and 87 poles in breadth." He was then of Providence, and if not at the time a resident west of the seven mile line, he evidently became of that locality before a part of was set off as the town of Scituate. He married for a second wife, Martha — Surname not obtained.

Children by first wife.

39. I. JOSEPH<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. ————— married  
 ————— Mary Padden.  
 40. II. OZIEL<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. before Feb. 28, 1768.  
 married Martha Rhodes, Dec. 27, 1744.

Children by second wife.

41. III. JEREMIAH<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. —————  
 married Dorcas Herenden, Dec. 27, 1744.  
 42. IV. ABNER<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. —————  
 married Mary Pray, July 16, 1749.



43. V. JONAH<sup>d</sup>, b. about 1724, d. Nov. 18, 1805. married Abigail Whitman.
44. VI. DORCAS<sup>d</sup>, b. ————— d. —————

JOSEPH<sup>3</sup>, was of Scituate, November, 1733. The 10th., of that month he made a gift deed to his son Oziel, of 100 acres of land, and on the 23, a similar deed to his son Joseph, of "a part of his homestead farm" situated therein. These elder sons being thus provided for, the legatees named in his will, made July 4, 1740, and presented for probate Sept. 1, 1740, were confined to his second wife and her children. A synopsis of his will is herewith presented. Bequeaths to son Jeremiah, 60 acres of land on the eastern side of his homestead. But if Jeremiah should die before he was twenty-one years of age, and without issue, and his son Abner be then living, he [ Abner ] should have the said 60 acres. Also, to Jeremiah, one eight part of one whole purchase right in the undivided lands on the west side of the Seven Mile Line, that was in the original right of Thomas Hopkins, deceased.

To son Jonah, the remainder of the homestead, he to pay Abner at twenty-one years of age, £200. And if Jonah dies without issue, Abner being living, is to have Jonah's part, by paying to Jeremiah £150 and to daughter Dorcas £50.

To daughter Dorcas, £100 in money when she attains to the age of eighteen years.



To Martha his beloved wife, the income and profits of half the homestead until Jonah is twenty-one years of age. After that, the income of one eighth part so long as she remained his widow.

To daughter-in-law, Desire Tucker, one bed and bedding, and one milch cow that is called hers now. [ This latter clause indicates that the wife Martha, was the widow Tucker at the time of her marriage with Joseph, and that the daughter Desire was a member of the family. ]

Wife Martha and son Jonah named as Executors.  
Witnesses. William Hopkins, Jabish Hopkins, and Stephen Hopkins.

At the meeting of the Council when the probate of the will was acted upon, the son Jonah appeared and informed the Council that he was about sixteen years old and he had chosen his brother Joseph to be his guardian, whereupon he was appointed.

( 8 ) EZEKIEL<sup>3</sup>, son of Thomas and Mary was accorded of the paternal homestead as follows:

" I give to my son Ezekiel Hopkins, all my land that is laid out to me on the west side of the Seven Mile Line, and one quarter part of Common on the west side of said Line; all which land and common, I give to my said son, Ezekiel Hopkins, his heirs or assigns forever in fee simple."





It may be well to note here that the arrangement pursued thus far, in placing the order of the births of the sons of Thomas and Mary, has been in the order that they appear in the will of Thomas<sup>2</sup>. But it is shown by investigation that the arrangement is not correct, unless there is an error in the record of the family of Zebedee<sup>3</sup>, who is the only one whose birth date is given. This was furnished to the writer, with much other matter pertaining to Zebedee's family, by his grand-daughter, Amey Hopkins, who died in Providence, November 23, 1876. Her record seemed to be intelligently prepared, and bore upon its face strong presumptive evidence of authenticity. As there represented, the birth of Zebedee<sup>3</sup>, occurred Feb. 22, 1697, and as his brother Ezekiel<sup>3</sup> was made a freeman of the Colony, May 6, 1712, fifteen years after Zebedee's birth, Ezekiel's birth must have occurred prior to Zebedee's by several years.

Ezekiel<sup>3</sup>, was a member of the first Town Council elected in Scituate in 1731, and represented the town in the Legislature in 1745.

He married Elizabeth ————— b. —————  
d. —————

Children.

45. I. DANIEL<sup>4</sup>, b. ————— d. —————  
married Martha Jenckes.



16. II. EZEKIEL<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 married Mary Pray.
17. III. CHARLES<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
18. IV. NICHOLAS<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 married Martha Mathewson.
19. V. ABIGAIL<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
50. VI. PATIENCE<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_
51. VII. MARY<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 married Robert Baxter, Nov. 14, 1754.
52. VIII. KATHARINE<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 married Reuben Hopkins, Nov. 25, 1742.

Ezekiel's<sup>3</sup> will was made Sept. 16, 1761, and presented for probate August 16, 1762. His wife and all his children excepting his two married daughters, Mary and Katherine, are named as legatees, also Ruth, Katherine and Sarah Hopkins, children of Reuben and his daughter Katherine.

Names his wife and sons Daniel and Nicholas as Executors. September 18, following the date of the probate of the will, his daughter Abigail and her estate was placed under the guardianship of Robert Baxter, on her own petition, supported by her brothers, Daniel, Ezekiel and Charles.

( 12 ) ZEBEDEE<sup>3</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>2</sup>, and Mary was named in his fathers will as the recipient of the following:



" I give to my son, Zebedee Hopkins, one third part of my land which I dwell on, which is the north part, and is bounded on the south with the land which I gave to my son Thomas Hopkins. And I also give to my son Zebedee, the one half part of my meadow in the great meadow at Shenegachocconett. All the said land and meadow I give to my son Zebedee Hopkins, his heirs or assigns forever, in fee simple. "

And I do bind my said son to pay to my daughter, Anne Hopkins, when she shall attain to the age of twenty and one years, or at the date of her marriage, which first shall happen.

[ This clause in the recorded copy of the will terminates here, probably by some error of omission by the recording clerk. A. H. ]

When he left the paternal domain he settled in Gloucester and was prominently identified in the public affairs of the town. He was made a freeman of the Colony from Providence, in 1720, and from Gloucester in 1747, a member of Gloucester Town Council in 1744 and a Justice of the Peace in 1767.

He married Susanna, daughter of Daniel and Catherine ( Balem ) Jenckes, b. May 24, 1700; d. March 18, 1755.

Children.

53. I. RACHEL<sup>1</sup>, b. Dec. 1725; d. Dec. — 1791.  
           married William Hawkins, b. Feb. 25, 1726,  
           d. —————



54. II. SUSANNA<sup>1</sup>, b. Oct. 5, 1728; d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 married Peleg Rounds, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. Dec. 1796.
55. III. DEBORAH<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ 1730; d. \_\_\_\_\_ 1757.
56. IV. ZEBEDEE<sup>1</sup>, b. Nov. 5, 1737; d. Dec. 4, 1819.  
 married First, Elizabeth Waide, b. March 8, 1737.  
 married Second, Mary ( Knowlton ) Borden,  
 b. March 19, 1756; d. 1842

( 13 ) ELISHA<sup>3</sup>, son of Thomas and Mary, received as his portion of his father's estate, by will as follows:

"I give to my son Elisha Hopkins, sixty and four acres of land, situated about one mile and a half west from my house, it being in two parts; which land I give to my son Elisha Hopkins, his heirs or assigns forever in fee simple."

Elisha settled in Gloucester, near to his brother Zebedee's home, for confirmation of which see deed of land from Andrew Harris, ( Prov. Rec. Vol. vi, pages 94, 95. ) Records show many real estate transactions of which he was a party as grantor or grantee. He married July 13, 1722, Mercy Waide. No record seen by the writer, shows as born of this union, but one child:

57. I. ELISHA<sup>1</sup>, b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. Nov. 13, 1798.  
 married Martha Cady, born about 1725; died  
 in Providence September 1815.





( 14 ) AMOS<sup>3</sup>, son of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Mary, with his younger brother Jeremiah, who died unmarried was named as legatees in their father's will as follows:

" I give to my two sons, Amos and Jeremiah Hopkins, equally to them, all my undivided lands on the west side of the Seven Mile Line and half my right of commonage on the west side of the Seven Mile Line, all which donations of land and commonage, I give to my two sons, Amos and Jeremiah Hopkins, to them, their heirs or assigns forever in Fee Simple."

Amos and Jeremiah were of Scituate at the time of its organization as a town in 1731. The year following, Feb. 10, 1732, there was conveyed to them by their brother Ezekiel, " for divers good causes and considerations," [ probably nominal ], his interest in 208 acres of land, each receiving a moiety as described, with certain rights of commonage.

Jeremiah died as before noted, April 26, 1733, his estate being settled by his brother Thomas, under probate jurisdiction.

Amos continued to reside in Scituate until 1753, serving the town as a member of its Council for seven years, terminating on his removal to Providence in that year or the year next preceding. Providence land records, Vol. xiii page 205, notes a sale made May 11, 1752, by Job Arnold, of Smithfield, by authority of the General Assembly of Rhode



Island, to Amos Hopkins, of Scituate, of 92 acres of land situated in Providence, it "being the property of John Turpin, Lunatick," sold "on petition of Turpin's wife for the support of herself and family." This estate comprised the homestead farm of Turpin that was given to him by his father, William Turpin, by his will made March 12, 1711.

By deed recorded in Vol xv, page 119, it is shown that Amos sold to Esek Hopkins, June 26, 1756, for £1600 of the current money of the Colony, about forty acres of the foregoing named land together with my dwelling house which I now live in and all other out-buildings that is thereon standing." This dwelling house served the Commodore as a home until his decease in 1802, and is now [ 1889 ] owned and occupied by one of his descendants. It is situated near the Corliss Steam Engine Company's Works in Providence.

Amos<sup>d</sup> married October 29, 1726, Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Smith. Joseph was a grand son of the Rev. William Wickenden, an early Baptist minister of the First Church in Providence, through his daughter, Ruth Wickenden, who married Thomas Smith, son of Christopher Smith, an early settler in Providence. Joseph's parents were both accidentally drowned in the river at Pawtuxet, January 16, 1670.

As far as records show, the children of Amos and Sarah were as follows.



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## Children.

58. I. AMOS<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— died at sea about 1770,  
married Jan. 18, 1761, Sarah, daughter of  
Jeremiah and Ruth Smith.
59. II. JEREMIAH<sup>1</sup>, b. ————— d. —————  
married Dec. 10, 1769, Avis, daughter of  
Daniel Mathewson, of Johnston.
60. III. URIAH<sup>1</sup>, b. Dec. 26, 1738; d. April 3, 1825,  
married Lucy, daughter of Captain William  
and Martha Lanksford; b. July 26, 1745; d.  
Dec. 5, 1816.

## QUERIES.

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|------|----|---|---------------------|
| Page | 9  | 5. Thomas <sup>1</sup> , married Elizabeth                  | Give                |
|      |    | surname of Elizabeth.                                       |                     |
| "    | "  | 7. Joseph <sup>3</sup> , married second Martha              |                     |
|      |    | Give surname.   |                     |
| "    | 12 | 27 Sarah <sup>1</sup> , married                             | Smith. Give Christ- |
|      |    |   | ian name.           |
| "    | 16 | 38 Jabish <sup>1</sup> . Was this the only child of 6. Wil- |                     |
|      |    | liam <sup>1</sup> .   |                     |



- 4      "    23   57. Elisha<sup>1</sup>. Was this the only child of 13. Elisha<sup>2</sup> and Mercy.
- "    13   35. Timothy<sup>1</sup>, married Penelope                      (Give surname. In addition to Penelope, Timothy's wife's name has been given as Freelove, also as Lillis. Which of the three is right?)
- "    17, 21. Did 42. Abner<sup>1</sup>, and 46. Ezekiel<sup>1</sup>, both marry a woman of the same name.

When dates or names are omitted, supply the deficiency if possible.





## EXPLANATIONS.

A number enclosed in parenthesis and placed before a name denotes that the same person is represented in a previous generation by the same number, in the running line of numbers.

The small figure following a name denotes the generation of the person from the first Thomas,<sup>1</sup> calling him of the first.

Hopkins names in the tables are given in capital letters, and those one remove from the name, through marriage, are in italics.

The compiler of these Notes wishes to extend in chronological order to the present generations, the work thus commenced, and invites the co-operation of all that may be interested in its further development. It is intended to reprint what is herein presented, with such corrections and additions as may appear necessary for a more perfect record, particularly we desire information in answer to the queries placed at the end of these Notes.

In furtherance of this object information is sought, which may be forwarded by mail, or otherwise, to James N. Arnold, Editor of the Narragansett Historical Register, No. 30, Eddy street, ( Room 29, ) Providence, R. I.

It is also our intention to publish in the above magazine such additional matter as we may think of sufficient interest to warrant the undertaking.









